

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 34 and substitute therefor the following paragraph, which contains markings to show all of the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph:

The harvesting apparatus 10 is equipped with stalk choppers 32 in order to comminute the stalks remaining on the field and to accelerate their decomposition. The stalk choppers 32 are each composed of a disk 34 with knives 36 that are arranged thereon in a pendulum fashion and sharpened on the leading edge and preferably also the trailing edge such that they can be reversed after becoming dull. The center of the disk 34 is supported such that it can be rotatably driven about an axis 40 extending approximately in the vertical direction. It would also be conceivable to utilize any other embodiment of stalk choppers, e.g., embodiments in which knives 36 are rigidly arranged on the disk 34 or are directly arranged on a central shaft. The number of knives 36 can be chosen arbitrarily. The stalk choppers 32 are driven via (not shown) gear units that are connected to and driven by the transverse shaft 20. During the operation, the knives 36 describe envelope circles 38 that respectively span the picking gaps 24 of two adjacent drawing-in and picking units 18. Due to these measures, the stalks that emerge on the bottom between the drawing-in devices 26 of both adjacent drawing-in and picking units 18 are deposited on the field in a comminuted fashion. The manufacturing costs and the weight of the harvesting apparatus 10 ~~48 [sic; 10]~~ are lowered because only one stalk chopper 32 is respectively required for two drawing-in and picking units 18.